



Collection Guide to the Nathan H. Hill Papers, 1810-1950

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Summary

Collection Title:

Nathan Hill papers, 1810-1950

Creator:

Hill, Nathan H.

Abstract:

Nathan H. Hill was a teacher in Lincolnton (Lincoln Co.), N.C. Collection includes letters to Nathan H. Hill concerning his work teaching freedmen in Lincolnton, N.C., including letters from Albion W. Tourgée. The collection also consists of letters from family members and others, receipts, material related to Guilford College, and several items about the Quakers' work with African Americans after the Civil War.

Extent:

1.2 Linear Feet

Physical Location:

For current information on the location of these materials, please consult the Library's online catalog.

Language:

English

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English.

Collection ID:

RL.00544

Permalink:

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Preferred Citation

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Background

Scope and Content

Collection contains chiefly correspondence, dates ranging 1830-1950, to and from Nathan H. Hill concerning his work teaching freedmen in Lincolnton, N.C., as well as family correspondence and other documentation from members of the Hill, Usher, Wright, Jones, Self, Bostick, and Thornburg families and their friends and associates. Family correspondence relates to routine family matters and everyday life. Of particular interest are several letters from Albion W. Tourgée, founder of the Bennett College, a historically black college for women in Greensboro, N.C. In these letters, Tourgée discusses conditions of former plantation lands in the South and states that he will encourage people from the North to purchase these lands. Nathan Hill also received frequent correspondence from George Dixon, a Quaker from Yorkshire, England who was also involved with the freedmen's schools in North Carolina. These letters, bulk dates ranging 1865-1867, describe the Quakers' work with African-Americans after the Civil War, especially the freedmen's school in Lincolnton, N.C.

The papers also include legal documents, dates ranging from 1810-1927, and financial documents, dates ranging 1823-1915, as well as some undated documents. The materials consist primarily of bills receipts, letters granting power of attorney, letters of indenture, statements of debt repayment, insurance paperwork, vouchers for property rental, and other materials relating to property, debts, and other public concerns, primarily in Randolph County, N.C.

There are a small number of bound materials such as a grade school register, voter registries, and an undated day book. The collection also contains printed materials relating to church activities and Guilford College.

Biographical/Historical

Teacher in Lincolnton (Lincoln Co.), N.C.

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Acquisition Information

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Names and Subjects

- Freedmen -- Education -- North Carolina
- Freedmen -- North Carolina -- Lincolnton
- Reconstruction (U.S. history, 1865-1877) -- North Carolina

- Lincolnton (N.C.) -- History
- Quakers -- North Carolina
- Tourgée, Albion W., 1838-1905
- Hill, Nathan H.
- Hill, Nathan H.
- Guilford College

Collection Inventory

Nathan H. Hill papers

Correspondence, 1830 January 16-1868 January 9

Scope and Contents note

This folder contains correspondence chiefly concerning Nathan H. Hill and his work in the freedmen's school in Lincolnton, N.C.

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Correspondence, 1868 May 3-1872 April 28

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Correspondence, 1872 June 29-1889 December 9

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Correspondence, 1890 February 12-1893 November 21

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Correspondence, 1909 July 13-1950 May 6

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Legal Documents, 1810 July 1-1868 March 27

Scope and Contents note

This folder contains legal documentation concerning power of attorney, letters of indenture, debt repayment, insurance, and vouchers for the rental of a Freedmen's School building in North Carolina. Many of the documents within pertain to issues in Randolph County, N.C. Of note, this folder contains a letter of indenture for a seven year old Negro boy.

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Legal Documents, 1868 May 15-1877 October 31

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Legal Documents, 1879 September 1-1927 May 1

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Financial Documents, 1823-1853

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Financial Documents, 1870-1915

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Financial Documents, undated

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Correspondence, undated

Scope and Contents note

Contains five folders of undated correspondence and other writings and materials concerning property ownership, cotton prices, and financial documentation such as receipts and informal documentation of debt acknowledgment.

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Day Book, undated (1850s-1860s?)

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Registry of Voters, 1867 August 21-22

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Registry of Voters, 1867 September 4-5

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White's Graded School Register, 1872 September 18-1872 December 20

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Printed Materials, 1845-1901

Scope and Contents note

Contains two folders of printed materials relating to Guilford College and church-related activities such as annual meetings, missionary work, and Sunday school. Includes materials from Sandy Creek Baptist in Chatham County, N.C., the Christian Advocate, and the United Society of Christian Endeavor.

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